Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for at least one of connecting hollow organs and sealing wall defects in hollow organs, having a base mounting which has at least one recess on a first surface;

at least one guidetrack for at least one spiral needle in which a spiral needle is movable forwards in a rotatable fashion;

the guidetrack for the spiral needle being disposed at least partially along the edge of the recess in such a manner that the track of the spiral needle during a revolution extends partially in the base mounting and partially in the recess;

wherein at least two guidetracks are disposed in the base mounting and, situated opposite each other, extend in a region of the recess along two edges of the recess which are situated opposite each other; and

wherein the two guidetracks intersect each other at least at one of the beginning and at the end of their course along the recess.

2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guidetrack in a region at a distance from at least one of the recess and in the region along the edge of the recess has the configuration of a spiral or of circular segments of a spiral.

3. (Original) The device according to claim 2, wherein the guidetrack in the region along the edge of the recess has the configuration of circular segments of a spiral, the respective ends of which form openings in the base mounting along the edge of the recess.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the guidetrack in the region at a distance from at least one of the recess and in the region along the recess has the configuration of a spiral or of circular segments of a spiral and has an internal diameter which is greater than or equal to the diameter of a spiral needle.

5. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guidetrack in the region at a distance from the recess is configured as a boring with an internal diameter which is greater than or equal to the external diameter of the spiral formed by the spiral needle.

6. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least in portions along the recess on the surface of the base mounting there are disposed suction openings for drawing in and fixing the edges of an opening of a hollow organ.

7. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein along the guidetrack there is disposed at least one roller, the axis of rotation of which is essentially parallel to the direction of passage of the guidetrack.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the roller is connected to a drive in a non-positive manner for rotation of the roller.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guidetrack in the region outside the recess along its direction of passage is opened towards a second surface of the base mounting which is situated opposite the first surface.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein between the second surface and the guidetrack, a slot is disposed along the guidetrack.

11. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least along the recess, the surface of the base mounting has a recess for receiving a hollow organ.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein on the first surface, suction openings are disposed for drawing in at least one of tissue and a hollow organ.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the base mounting has a ring on its side orientated towards the first surface, which the ring is mounted rotatably on the base mounting.

14. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein the carrier element has suction openings for drawing in a tissue or a hollow organ.

15. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein the carrier element has an annular configuration.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein the ring extends along the external edge of the first surface.

17. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guidetrack is disposed along the recess in such a manner that the spiral needle can be guided at least partially between two edges of the recess which are situated opposite each other.

18. (Original) The device according to claim 17, wherein the guidetrack is disposed in portions along two edges of the recess which are situated opposite each other in such a manner that the portions of the guidetrack which are disposed along the edges of the recess which are situated opposite each other form segments of a single spiral.

19. (Cancelled)

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21. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the recess extends from the first to the second surface.

22. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein an adapter element is configured so as to be engagable at least partially in a form fitting manner from the direction of the second surface into the recess.

23. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein the adapter element has a boring for receiving a hollow organ portion, which boring extends from the side orientated towards the base mounting to the side orientated away from the base mounting.

24. (Original) The device according to claim 23, wherein the longitudinal axis of the boring extends at a predetermined angle relative to the first surface.

25. (Original) The device according to claim 23, wherein the walls of the boring have suction openings for drawing in and fixing a hollow organ portion or its edge.

26. (Original) The device according to claim 24, wherein the walls of the boring have at least one guidetrack which completes that at least one guidetrack of the base mounting to form a common guidetrack for a spiral needle.

27. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the base mounting and the adapter element can be divided into at least two parts along the recess.

28. (Previously Presented) The method for at least one of connecting hollow organs and for sealing wall defects in hollow organs, characterized in that by using a device according to claim 1, comprising the step of guiding at least one spiral needle in a rotating manner through the adjacent edges of the same or of two different hollow organ openings.

29. (Original) The method according to claim 28 further comprising the step on pulling a thread through the edge of the opening of the hollow organ with each spiral needle.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29 further comprising the steps of removing the spiral needle and connecting thread ends to each other.

31. (Original) The method according to claim 30 comprising the step of tying the thread ends to each other.